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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Brzezinski,
28 November 1978

1. We discussed the SCC meeting on Charters. Basically, Brzezinski feels that we need more time to straighten out the rather sharply divergent views.

2. We talked about Iran. I complained about DDO's exclusion from the meeting with consultants last Wednesday. He indicated he did not approve of that, unless there were specific complaints from any of the academic attendees. I said they didn't complain about an NFAC representative.

a. I urged that we keep the Steering Group going because there were uncoordinated actions likely to take place. He indicated at least that he would be bringing the results of these consultant groups and such back to the SCC. I don't think I got through to him on the Steering Group that I had proposed. I think we have to watch this one. I just proposed that he and Vance and I get together as things begin to develop.

b. I delivered the memo for the President on the

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Brzezinski asked for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He indicated that a person in the United States we could talk to in this respect would be Mr. Joe Slater of the Aspen Institute.

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c. I described my meeting with Ambassador Zahedi last Sunday.

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25) d. On the Iranian situation, I told about Bob Bowie hiring Professor [] to work up a post-mortem.

3. On reviewing political reporting in general, I mentioned that the Senate Select Committee, at Brzezinski's urging, was about to look into our political reporting on half a dozen countries. He indicated that if this began to get out of hand with all the other things he would be willing to help turn it off.

4. We talked about [] I should talk to Bob Bowie about what use we might be able to make of [] talents. 25X
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5. I said I would brief the President on the budget next week. He suggested I relate it to the National Security budget concept that he had discussed with the President in which intelligence and defense were grouped together and exempted from cuts.

He told me that the PRC(I) meeting minutes on the budget were not satisfactory. He hadn't seen them and didn't know why, but they would be coming out eventually.

6. I asked him what response we have had from the Soviets on the MIG-23s. He simply said they had told us that they were not nuclear capable. I mentioned that it didn't seem to me we had made a point of the nuclear capability. He indicated that that had been fuzzed up a bit and there was some mention of nuclear capability in the demarche we had made to the Soviets.

7. Didn't get to any of the other topics.

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